

there in good order. The Prince of Wales desired to have these trees because he had tasted some of the apples which I had sent to Sir F. de Winton last fall, in the compartment cases, and H. R. H. thought that at Sandringham he could grow as good apples. We shall see in good time if the apples will have the colour of our Canadian fruit. There is a very large and excellent crop of apples in this Province, this season. Prices will probably range low.

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## FRUIT PROSPECTS.

WENTWORTH, WATERLOO, DUFFERIN AND HALTON COUNTIES.—Mr. W. M. Orr, of "Fruitland," Ont., Provincial Director of Spraying Experiments, writes:

I have reports from eight points in Counties of Wentworth, Waterloo, Dufferin and Halton as follows: Apples, 80 to 90 per cent.; peaches, 00; plums, 7 per cent.; grapes, 75 per cent.; pears, 30 to 40 per cent.; strawberries, 75 per cent.; cherries, 5 per cent.; raspberries, 75 per cent.

Around "Fruitland" and Winona: Plums, 90 per cent., peaches, 25 per cent.

Reports from twenty-nine points throughout Ontario where experimental spraying is being done, indicate a large apple crop, and as the codling moth has not attacked the fruit up to date, our apples will probably be free from worms this year. The canker worm is spreading in many sections. Many trees, and in some cases, whole orchards have been defoliated. Other insect enemies are reported numerous.

## ❖ The Markets. ❖

### Our Apple Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Messrs. L. H. Williams, writes: SIR,—The crop this season in the Home Country, and also for the most part on the Continent, is exceedingly light, owing to both drought and blight; and as our markets now rely, under any circumstances, on receiving large quantities of your best growths, the prospects are extremely favourable. Early shipments will do well, provided the fruit is fine and arrives here in sound condition.

May add we have every facility for handling large quantities of Apples promptly and to advantage: and intending shippers may rest assured their consignments will always have our careful personal attention.

Would draw your attention to the grading of the fruit for export.

### The Foreign Apple Markets.

Messrs. Isaacs & Sons, of London England write, under date of June 17th:

SIR,—We take this early opportunity of giving you a few particulars of the prospects of our Home and Continental apple crops:

ENGLAND.—As usual at this time of year, reports from the various English apple-growing districts are somewhat conflicting, but after carefully weighing the information from the various sources, we are of opinion that the apple crop in England will be considerably below that of last season.

GERMANY.—Our information from Germany, whence large quantities of apples are generally shipped to our market, is that the crop will be much below that of last season, and it is not expected that there will be more than a quarter crop in that country.

FRANCE, BELGIUM AND HOLLAND.—Some of the districts in those countries report prospects of good crops. The bulk of these apples find their chief outlets in the North Eastern counties of England, and are not shipped to any extent to the London Markets.

Should the present drought continue, the crops on the Continent, as well as in England, are likely to be prejudicially affected.

So far, things certainly look as if there will be a good field for apples shipped from your side to our markets.